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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS AND
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1. ERDA PROPOSEING SENDING TEAM TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE

NATIONAL OFFICIALS AND CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS PURSUANT TO US POLICY RE PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. POLICY NOW THAT NO COMMITMENT OR CONTRACT PERMITTING OVERSEAS SUPPLY OR RETRANSFERS OF GREATER THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS OF U-235 IN URANIUM ENRICHED TO GREATER THAN 20 PERCENT AND/OR TWO KILOGRAMS OF PLUTONIUM OR U-233 COULD BE CONCLUDED UNLESS THE RECIPIENT NATION HAS ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT.

2. DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS ARE TO FURTHER BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF INITIATING CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN US EXPERTS AND THEIR FOREIGN EXPERTS TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN THE US WITH ERDA AND LABORATORIES CONDUCTING R AND D WORK IN THIS AREA.

3. PROPOSED TEAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BRIEFING EMBASSY STAFF AND AMBASSADOR RE POLICY BACKGROUND AND TEAM OBJECTIVES; MEETING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RE COUNTRY'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS RE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT FIXED SITES AND IN TRANSIT; AND ON-SITE VISITS TO SPECIFIED FACILITIES AND OTHERS, IF EMBASSY OR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DEEM APPROPRIATE. TEAM DESIRES THAT VISIT BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER OF THE ABOVE.

4. LATER MESSAGES WILL IDENTIFY TEAM MEMBERS AND SUGGEST DETAIL ITINERARY. TEAM WILL BE COMPRISED OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF ERDA'S DIVISIONS OF SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY (DSS) AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (ISA). AFTER VISIT TO FRANCE, TEAM WILL SPLIT, WITH TEAM 1 PROCEEDING TO SPAIN AND AUSTRIA (INCLUDING BRIEFING THE US MISSION) AND TEAM 2 GOING TO BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY. THE VISIT TO ITALY WILL ALSO INCLUDE PERFORMANCE OF BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE PURPOSES IN ADDITION TO A PHYSICAL SECURITY REVISIT.

5. ERDA TEAM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS. NRC IS INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCY CREATED BY 1974 ENERGY REORGANIZATION ACT, WHICH HAS STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUANCE OF NUCLEAR EXPORT LICENSES. NRC REPRESENTATIVE WILL PARTICIPATE IN TRIP AS OBSERVER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE NRC UNDERSTANDING OF METHODOLOGY UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPLOYED IN PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEWS.

6. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES. DETAIL PROPOSED SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW, PARTICULARLY FOR ITALIAN PORTION OF TRIP.

MAR 22 - PARIS - EMBASSY AND CEA DISCUSSIONS

23 - VISIT CERCA (ROMANS)

24 - WRAP UP

TEAM 1

MAR 25-27 MADRID - EMBASSY AND JEN DISCUSSIONS AND VISIT TO JEN-1 REACTOR. POSSIBLY, VISITS TO BILBAO (ARBI-REACTOR) AND BARCELONA (ARGOS REACTOR).

MAR 29- APR 2

VIENNA - EMBASSY AND GAC ON ATOMIC ENERGY DISCUSSIONS, VISITS TO SEIBERSDORF (ASTRA RESEARCH REACTOR) AND DISCUSSIONS W/U.S MISSION - WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY AND US MISSION WORK OUT SCHEDULE.

TEAM 2

MAR 25 - BRUSSELS - EMBASSY AND CEA DISCUSSIONS

MAR 26 - VISIT TO MOL (BR-2 RESEARCH REACTOR)

MAR 29-31 - BERT - US AND SWISS ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITIES DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS TO UNIV OF BASEL (AGN-211 REACTOR) AND/OR UNIV OF GENEVA (ALADIN REACTOR)

APR 1 - ROME - EMBASSY AND CNEN DISCUSSIONS

APR 2 - BILATERAL INSPECTION OF CASACCIA

APR 5-9 - PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEW VISITS TO :
ISPRA (ESSOR REACTOR), BOLOGNA (CNEN CRITICAL ASSEMBLY LABORATORY),
SALUGGIA (SORIN RACTOR AND COREN FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY)
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BILATERAL INSPECTIONS VISITS TO PISA
(CAMAN, RTS-1 REACTOR), BOLOGNA (RB-1,2,3), SALUGGIA

7. FOR PARIS - LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN P. BILLAUD CEA, AND MICHEL CHAUVIN, CEA (WASHINGTON D.C.) AND E. B. GILLER, ERDA, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FORNATIONAL SECURITY. BILLAUD PROPOSED VISIT TO FRANCE TO FURTHER EXCHANGES IN PHYSICAL SECURITY BILATERAL TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. GILLER REPLY ACCEPTED INVITATION AND PROPOSED ALSO TO CONDUCT PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEW OF CERCA. REPLY NOT YET RECEIVED FROM CHAUVIN BUT BECAUSE OF PRESS OF TIME, INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN FOR USE BY EMBASSY. COPIES OF LETTERS BEING POUCHED.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY

SCHEDULE AND VISITS AND TO ARRANGE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE DECISION-MAKING LEVEL RE REGULATIONS
AND DETERMINING GOVERNMENT PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM. TEAM
WELCOMES EMBASSY PARTICIPATION ALL DISCUSSIONS AND ON-SITE
VISITS. PLEASE ADVISE DESIGNATED EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER.

9. SINCE DISCUSSIONS MAY INCLUDE SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMA-
TION, EMBASSIES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT ALL TEAM
MEMBERS HAVE ERDA "Q" CLEARANCES.

10. SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE WILL FOLLOW GIVING DETAILS OF PROPOSE
EXPORT OR RETRANSFER OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND OF ITINERARY FOR
EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE WITH LOCAL TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS.
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